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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
(Case No. 05-1082)**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks before examination on the merits.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.